Consumption of electricity during festivals tends to be higher. The State Governments/State Power Utilities impose load shedding and power cuts on different categories of consumers on the basis of the power availability.

Setting up Electric Power Station in U.P.

†1159. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the places where Electric Power Stations are proposed to be set up in Uttar Pradesh during the next two years;

(b) whether Government will issue directions to ensure the supply of electricity to Muzaffarnagar and Azamgarh districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No power projects is likely to be commissioned during the next two years in the State of Uttar Pradesh. However, according to the report of the Working Group on Power for formulation of 10th Five Year Plan, the following power projects have been identified for being set up in Uttar Pradesh during the 10th Five Year Plan:

Rihand II (NTPC)	1000 MW
Unchahar III (NTPC)	210 MW
Dadri II (NTPC)	490 MW
Parichha Extn. (State)	210 MW
Anpara C (State)	1000 MW
Rosa TPP (Private)	567 MW

(b) to (d) Distribution of power is the responsibility of the State

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Government which has to ensure development of reliable supply of power in all areas.

Cooperation of China in the power section

1160. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has sought China's cooperation in the power sector in cleaner technologies, equipment manufacturing and information on transmission and distribution network; and

(b) if so, the China's response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) A delegation led by the Hon'ble Minister of Power had visited China in September, 2001. The delegation had discussions on wide ranging issues which aimed at understanding how China arranged for finances for its power sector, the tariff structures prevailing in the country, the steps being taken to build its transmission network including the national power grid, the measures adopted for rural electrification and for lowering T and D losses.

Liberalisation of policy for providing power to domestic industries

†1161. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to liberalize the policy for providing power to the domestic industries;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps so far in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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